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Narrative Information Sheet

1. Applicant Identification:

City of Dunkirk
 342 Central Ave.
 Dunkirk, NY 14048

2. Funding Requested:

a) **Assessment Grant Type:** Community-wide

b) **Federal Funds Requested:**

i. \$300,000

ii. The City of Dunkirk is not requesting a Site-specific Assessment Grant waiver of the \$200,000 limit.

3. Location: City of Dunkirk, Chautauqua County, New York

4. Property Information for Site-Specific Applications: Not a site-specific proposal

5. Contacts:

a) **Project Director:** Ms. Rebecca Wurster, the City of Dunkirk Planning and Development Director will serve as the Project Director for this proposal. Ms. Wurster's contact information is as follows: Phone: 716-366-9879, Email: rwurster@cityofdunkirk.com, Mailing address: 338 Central Ave. Dunkirk, NY 14048.

b) **Highest Ranking Elected Official:** Dunkirk Mayor Wilfred Rosas serves as the highest-ranking elected official. Mayor Rosas' contact information is as follows: Phone: 716-366-9881, Email: wrosas@cityofdunkirk.com, Mailing address: 342 Central Ave. Dunkirk, NY 14048.

6. Population: The City of Dunkirk's population is 11,756 (2019 Population Estimates)

7. Other Factors Checklist:

Other Factors	Page #
Community population is 10,000 or less.	
The applicant is, or will assist, a federally recognized Indian tribe or United States territory.	
The priority brownfield site(s) is impacted by mine-scarred land.	
The priority site(s) is adjacent to a body of water (i.e., the border of the priority site(s) is contiguous or partially contiguous to the body of water, or would be contiguous or partially contiguous with a body of water but for a street, road, or other public thoroughfare separating them).	1, 3, & 6

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The priority site(s) is in a federally designated flood plain.	2 & 3
The reuse of the priority site(s) will facilitate renewable energy from wind, solar, or geothermal energy; or will incorporate energy efficiency measures.	3 & 4
30% or more of the overall project budget will be spent on eligible reuse planning activities for priority brownfield site(s) within the target area.	

- 8. Letter from the State or Tribal Environmental Authority:** A letter of support from New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is attached.

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October 2, 2020

Rebecca Wurster
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Dear Ms. Wurster:

This is to acknowledge that the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) received a request from the City of Dunkirk, dated September 29, 2020, for a state acknowledgement letter for a Federal Year 2021 United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Brownfields grant.

I understand that the City of Dunkirk plans to submit a Brownfield Community-wide Assessment grant application for hazardous substances and petroleum in the amount of \$300,000. Focus of the funding will be to conduct Phase I and Phase II Environmental Site Assessments at 15 sites within the Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA) boundary based on the Phase II BOA Study and inventory of brownfield sites. Funding will also be allocated for reuse and remediation planning and to conduct associated community involvement activities. Please note that the USEPA criteria for an assessment grant specifies that, if selected, the City of Dunkirk may only expend up to \$200,000 of the grant on a specific site.

DEC encourages initiatives to redevelop brownfields with the goal of mitigating any environmental and health impacts that they might pose.

Sincerely,



Bernadette Anderson
Chief, Policy and Planning Section
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1. PROJECT AREA DESCRIPTION AND PLANS FOR REVITALIZATION

1.a. Target Area and Brownfields

1.a.i. Background and Description of Target Area

The City of Dunkirk is located on the shores of Lake Erie and is the western-most City in New York State. Dunkirk is located in Chautauqua County's Southern Tier region and has a population of 11,756 people. It is approximately half-way between Buffalo, New York and Erie, Pennsylvania. Dunkirk began to develop as a shipping port in the 1840s due to the City's large, natural harbor on Lake Erie and as a result, the Erie Railroad selected Dunkirk as its western terminus. Construction of the railroad brought thousands of settlers to the region. Dunkirk became a transportation and shipping center and as Dunkirk continued to grow, a locomotive manufacturing facility was built in the City and operated until the end of WWII. The success of the rail and steel industry fostered development and created a population of 20,000.

The global economy shifted in the 1970s, forcing manufacturing out of City and Dunkirk saw a 9.2% population loss. As the economic base shifted, the City's businesses and residents moved out of the area and into the surrounding suburbs. Locomotive assembly plants, metal foundries, steel manufacturing and metal fabrication facilities formerly employed thousands and occupied what are currently clusters of abandoned or underutilized brownfield industrial sites. Now, 50% of the City's industrial-zoned land is vacant or underutilized and the City of Dunkirk is suffering the consequences of loss of the historical manufacturing base.

The entire City was designated an Opportunity Zone and received designation as a Brownfield Opportunity Area Community by NYS Department of State in the 2018. BOA Communities are a result of the New York State Brownfield Opportunity Areas Program. The program was created specifically for communities that contain a high number of brownfields that negatively impact economic prosperity and quality of life. The Dunkirk BOA Boundary focused on three specific areas including: the Lake Erie waterfront, Dunkirk's Central Business District (CBD), and large industrial sites located on highly trafficked pedestrian and automotive thoroughfares including Central Avenue and Route 5. These areas, already vetted and approved by the local community, will be the focus for the Community-Wide Phase I and Phase II assessments.

1.a.ii. Description of the Priority Brownfield Site(s)

The community-backed BOA Boundary identified sites that are clustered in three main focus areas: the waterfront, CBD, and post-industrial sites. These sites have been detrimental to the City's economy, contribute to blight and have sat vacant for decades. These sites are adjacent to Dunkirk's waterfront, parks, senior living, and small businesses. All sites identified within the BOA Study will be a target for assessment. The following selection of sites below have been identified as a priority for Phase I and Phase II ESAs under this grant:

Site Name	Acres	Former Land Use	Potential/Known Contaminants	Planned Reuse	Vacant
Focus Area one: Dunkirk's Waterfront					
NRG Power Plant Site	75.9	Coal-fired power plant	VOC, SVOCs, PCBs, Metals	Feasibility Study in process	X
Woodlands Site	99	Vacant	SVOCs, Metals	Housing	X
Stefans Block	1.91	Tire Shop	Petroleum	Retail	X
Waterfront Block	1.7	Fill, Various Commercial	VOC, SVOCs, Metals	Commercial	Partially

Focus Area two: Central Business District					
Former Masonic Temple	.65	Religious Meeting Place	Fill, Petroleum	Adaptive Mixed-use	
Mulholland Block	1.56	Auto service	Petroleum, metals	Campus	
Faith Baptist Church Block	2.5	Church	Fill, Petroleum	Commercial	X
Focus Area three: Post-Industrial Sites					
Former Al-tech Site	54	Steel Plant	VOCs, SVOCs, PCBs, Metals		X
Former Roblin Steel	7.81	Locomotive manufacturing	VOCs, SVOCs, PCBs, Metals	Health services	X
Former Edgewood Warehouse	8.08	Locomotive Manufacturing	VOCs, SVOCs, PCBs, Metals		

All sites listed above are a high priority for reuse within the City of Dunkirk. The BOA Nomination Study discussed previously worked hand in hand with the local community and Steering Committee to identify reuses that would aid in economic activity and assist with enhancing quality of life within the City:

- NRG Power Plant – Although reuse has not yet been identified, the City of Dunkirk and Chautauqua County have been working on an active feasibility study and reuse strategy to ensure the redevelopment is sustainable along Dunkirk’s waterfront focus area.
- Stefans Block – Retail reuse with a focus on waterfront activities including a boating and tackle store to assist with creating a walkable atmosphere and increase tourism spending.
- Faith Baptist Church Block – adaptive reuse with a focus on commercial land uses to alleviate the existing gaps within Dunkirk’s current economic climate.

1.b. Revitalization of the Target Area

1.b.i. Reuse Strategy and Alignment with Revitalization Plans

The City of Dunkirk completed the BOA Step 2 Nomination Study in 2018 and an updated Comprehensive Plan in 2019. Due to these two plans being completed within one year of each other, they were able to work harmoniously to establish specific goals for long-standing brownfield properties and establish sound reuse strategies. Within these two plans, reuse strategies have been developed for the focus areas and brownfield sites listed above. This sets up the City of Dunkirk to align Phase I and Phase II assessments with established revitalization plans to seamlessly move reuse forward.

Dunkirk’s BOA Nomination Study gives a detailed reuse strategy for Dunkirk’s Waterfront target area. The vision includes maintaining public access to the waterfront, while working with private developers to bring in mixed use development along Route 5 which sees high auto and pedestrian traffic. Based on community feedback, the public expressed the need for retail, dining, a new hotel, diverse housing, and an improved marina facility.

The CBD’s target sites are being considered for reuse as a new location for Jamestown Community College’s North Campus. The City’s Comprehensive Plan supports this reuse calling out the recommendation to enhance and bring in new forms of educational institutions to Downtown Dunkirk. The redevelopment of these sites as a community college campus would have a great impact by increasing the demand for new housing, provide an influx of spending within the City and provide job security for the local community both at the campus and for supporting services. Suggested reuse for this area also includes mixed-use and commercial development (noted in section 1.a.ii) to support and compliment a new North Campus.

Other ongoing revitalization plans include a partnership with Chautauqua County for conducting a feasibility study and redevelopment strategy for the NRG site. The feasibility study is a necessary step and will act as a document that helps guide the County and City in the next direction for the reuse of the site. The redevelopment strategy aims to utilize existing planning documents and efforts to align with previous revitalization plans.

1.b.ii. Outcomes and Benefits of Reuse Strategy

Reinvestment in Dunkirk's targeted BOA boundary areas will result in economic development that will revitalize vacant and underutilized sites, increase the tax base, bring in new businesses and jobs, create sustainable development in Dunkirk's CBD, and enhance Dunkirk's Waterfront. The entire City of Dunkirk is designated an Opportunity Zone. Not only will developers be able to utilize the Brownfield Clean-up Program (BCP) incentives, but will also be able to leverage additional funding opportunities through the Opportunity Zone benefits.

The reuse strategies slated for the Waterfront target area will produce as mixed-use redevelopment of over 1.35 acres of vacant land that includes new restaurants and shops, as well as diverse housing options. Dunkirk is currently lacking any new market rate apartments and senior housing. Community recommendations include the need for more market rate housing choices for empty nesters, young professionals, and seniors. Having these choices along the waterfront will fill this gap. Additionally the reuse strategy for the waterfront brownfield sites includes enhancing the private waterfront land and maintaining access to the waterfront for both those in the community and visitors. Which should assist in increasing tourism within the City.

The goal for the NRG site is to develop a reuse strategy that can utilize the site's current structure and infrastructure for redevelopment. Although the path is not yet finalized on what redevelopment strategy the County and City will be pursuing, renewable energy aspects are going to be encouraged. The City will be able to better understand the site with Phase I and Phase II ESA funding. In addition to a form of renewable energy, the site is located on the shores of Lake Erie and the community has stressed a continuation of the waterfront trail that is present on all of Dunkirk's waterfront except at the NRG site. Having a continuous trail system will add an additional 1.8 miles of recreation and would highly benefit the health of Dunkirk's residents.

Assessments could also lead to the City of Dunkirk owning less vacant land and putting more properties back to being privately-owned and thus on the City of Dunkirk tax rolls. This would relieve the City of fiscal responsibility, increase the tax base, and allow investment into community services and other improvements.

1.c. Strategy for Leveraging Resources

1.c.i. Resources needed for Site Reuse

Federal, state, and local funding and incentives will be used to further the communities reuse strategies. The City has already leveraged funding from NYS Department of State to conduct the BOA Step 2 Nomination Study and funding from the Appalachian Regional Commission to conduct the NRG Feasibility and Redevelopment Plan. The City was also awarded \$135,000 in 2019 from NYS Department of State to continue development plans for both the Waterfront and CBD Focus Areas including a marketing campaign specifically for brownfield sites to attract private investment. The sources below indicates additional resources and incentives that the City will use for the reuse of the brownfield sites:

- NYS Brownfield Cleanup Program – Encourages private-sector cleanups of brownfields and promotes their redevelopment as a means to revitalize economically blighted communities. Alternative to greenfield development and intended to remove barriers surrounding redevelopment of contaminated properties.

- Opportunity Zone - Federal program that encourages private investment in low-income urban and rural communities. Can receive funds from Opportunity Funds. Opportunity Funds provide investors the chance to rebuild the low to moderate income communities.
- Historic Tax Credits - Owners of income producing real properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places may be eligible for a 20% federal income tax credit for the substantial rehabilitation of historic properties.
- National Grid Brownfield Redevelopment – Brownfield redevelopment program that provides grants to fund utility related infrastructure and other costs to aid in redevelopment of a vacant brownfield site or abandoned building.
- NYS BOA Implementation (Step 3) - funding source for further analysis of reuse projects identified through the Step 2 of the BOA.
- NYS DEC Environmental Restoration Program - for 90% funding for investigation and remediation of municipally owned sites.
- NY State Energy Research and Development Authority - for implementation of renewable energy initiatives that are supported and funded through NYSERDA
- NYS Consolidated Funding Application - Allows applicants to be considered for multiple sources of funding for a project by filling out just one application yearly.
- Housing and Urban Development - funding for affordable housing development and community development initiatives including Community Development Block Grants

1.c.ii. Use of Existing Infrastructure

The City of Dunkirk is committed to sustainable redevelopment. All target brownfield sites contain existing power, water, natural gas, and sanitary sewer infrastructure. In some priority sites, the utilities may be connected, yet may require services to be turned on. The City has made major improvements to its existing roadways. Central Avenue was recently paved in 2019. The street was also restriped with bike lanes and new colorful crosswalks to visually enhance the corridor and create new transportation methods. The City received a \$1.5 million dollar grant through NYS Department of Transportation to create more of a ‘boulevard feel’ along Lake Shore Drive in the Waterfront district. Construction on this project will begin in the spring of 2021. Waterfront targeted brownfield sites will highly benefit from this complete street makeover with the goal of increased safety, walkability, and mobility throughout the City.

2. COMMUNITY NEED AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

2.a. Community Need

2.a.i. The Community’s Need for Funding

The City of Dunkirk is small community of 11,756 people. It is estimated that Dunkirk has lost 6.4% of its population from 2010 to 2019. 22.7% of Dunkirk’s current population is below the poverty level (8.1% higher than the national poverty level). In addition, Dunkirk has a median household income at just \$34,707 (over \$20,000 lower than the national median income of \$57,652). Dunkirk is unique in the fact that there is a high Hispanic population of 30.9% and the City prides itself on its diversity, yet understands that there are many challenges that impact the Hispanic community. Many of the City’s low-income residents are also Hispanic and need new opportunities to improve their overall quality of life. Within the targeted brownfield sites, higher percentages of the City’s low-income housing are present. Brownfield sites have led to 4.2% of all of Dunkirk’s housing to be identified as vacant or at high risk of vacancy. Dunkirk needs this funding to stop these current downward socioeconomic trends. The City’s tax revenues continue to fall and therefore the City cannot afford to fund community wide Phase I and Phase II Environmental Site Assessments on their own. The City’s local budget is constrained and if the

City does not receive funding for the target sites, then Dunkirk will continue down a negative slope of poverty and vacancy.

2.a.ii. Threats to Sensitive Populations

(1) Health or Welfare of Sensitive Populations

The City's most sensitive populations include the previously mentioned low-income Hispanic population as well as low-income seniors. The City of Dunkirk is located within Chautauqua County. According to the Community Needs Assessment (2017) published by Chautauqua Opportunities, Inc., there are significant challenges in Chautauqua County in terms of health and mental health care access, exacerbated by a shortage of practitioners, lack of transportation and an ever-increasing elderly population. Seniors make up approximately 21.7% of Dunkirk's population and the Hispanic population is 30.9% of the population. A large percentage of Dunkirk's low-income seniors and Hispanic population live in Dunkirk's low-income apartments. These housing authority apartments are located directly next to and surrounding the targeted brownfield sites near the Waterfront and CBD focus areas.

It is also crucial to note that 21.6% of the Dunkirk's population is under 18 years old, and the presence of brownfield sites puts schoolchildren at risk for indoor issues such as lead-poisoning and vapor intrusion, as well as outdoor exposure while near or playing in contaminated properties. The assessment and successful reuse of brownfield sites throughout the City will result in a much safer environment for all ages but is crucial for Dunkirk's sensitive populations.

(2) Greater Than Normal Incidence of Disease and Adverse Health Conditions

According to the Chautauqua County 2016-2018 Community Health Assessment and Improvement Plan, the age-adjusted incidence rate for all cancers was significantly higher in Chautauqua County than New York State for all cancers (559.4 per 100,000, compared to 489.2, respectively).

- Chronic lower respiratory diseases is the third leading cause of death in Chautauqua County. The county has a higher rate of chronic lower respiratory diseases (44/100,000) than NYS's average (29/100,000).
- Heart Disease: Heart disease is the leading cause of death in Chautauqua County with a rate of 215 per 100,000 compared to the NYS (excluding NYC) rate of 173 per 100,000.
- Premature Death (before 65) – 29.5% of Dunkirk's population died before the age of 65 compared to NYS average of 22%.
- Asthma: 11.2% of adults within Chautauqua County suffer from adult Asthma compared to the NYS average of 9.6%.

The performance of environmental site assessments, will lead to a better understanding of potential contamination and reduction in exposure rates to improve health within the County.

(3) Disproportionately Impacted Populations

Environmental justice is a major concern in low income, minority and disadvantaged communities that often times carry the additional burden of possessing a disproportionate number of sites that have environmental contamination/pollution. Many of the sites within the City of Dunkirk are located in environmental justice sensitive communities. The EPA's Environmental Justice Screening Tool notes a number of environmental justice indicators are present within the Dunkirk including:

- Lead Levels – 70.2% of homes in Chautauqua County were built prior to 1970. Due to lead paint being more common in older homes, childhood lead poisoning is a concern within the County. Incidence of elevated blood lead levels among children less than 72 months old was 12.9 per 1,000 compared to the NYS average of 4.3 per 1,000. The City of Dunkirk has a EJ

Lead Paint indicator value of .8 compared to the NYS average of .56 and EPA Region 2 average of .51

- Child Obesity Rate – 29.1% compared to the NYS average of 17.2% and the Chautauqua County rate of 20.7%
- Preterm birth rate – 13.8% compared to the NYS average of 10.5% and the Chautauqua County average of 10.6%

2.b. Community Engagement

2.b.i. Project Involvement & 2.b.ii. Project Roles

The City of Dunkirk is committed to working with local and regional partners and community organizations to keep them updated and informed and to allow input throughout all phases of the project. Below is a list of partners that the City believes will have important roles in this project.

Partner Name	Point of Contact	Specific Role in the Project
Chautauqua Region Economic Development Corporation	Mark Geise GeiseM@co.chautauqua.ny.us 716-661-8902	Facilitate development by attracting new businesses, while promoting the City's brownfield sites that are having Phase I and II ESAs done.
Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation Local Economic Dev. Initiative	Patty Hammond phammond@nccfoundation.org 716-366-4892	Help develop reassess the brownfield site list and help determine if any sites are missing.
Revitalize Dunkirk	Steve Rees RevitalizeDunkirk@gmail.com 716-366-0505	The nonprofit community organization will help with community outreach and attend all community meetings.
Lake Erie Management Commission	Dave McCoy McCoyD@co.chautauqua.ny.us 716-661-8915	Provide guidance during the redevelopment planning process of priority sites in Dunkirk's waterfront target area due to the proximity to Lake Erie.
Dunkirk Chamber of Commerce	David Kleparek dkleparek@chautauquachamber.org 716-672-9873	Will assist with community outreach efforts for the priority sites and act as an interface between the city and the local business community.

2.b.iii. Incorporating Community Input

The City of Dunkirk has and will continue to engage the community in the planning, implementation, and other brownfield assessment activities needed to revitalize brownfield sites. The City has recently completed its Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA) Step 2 Nomination Study, which included a community outreach plan that comprised of newspaper, radio, and online updates on the study. It also involved community workshops and meetings to gain input and support for the brownfield inventory reuse and provide an interpreter for its Hispanic population. The City plans to build on the success of the BOA Study by providing its citizens and community organizations ample opportunity to provide continued input throughout the duration of the Community-Wide Assessment Grant. Due to COVID 19, distancing measures will be taken to

ensure safety for all residents and participants in the grant process including virtual meetings and distancing. If awarded, the City of Dunkirk will:

- Announce the grant funding in the local newspaper (www.observertoday.com), a notice on the City's website (www.cityofdunkirk.com), and advertised on the local access 12 cable channel and local radio stations. The City of Dunkirk has a large Hispanic population, therefore materials will be circulated in Spanish as well.
- Hold public economic development meetings once a month. The project will be on the agenda at each meeting to be discussed, updated, and to hear from the public and other departments. These meetings will be available via live stream and held virtually if necessary.
- Provide quarterly assessment updates on the City website and a comment box to receive input online
- Utilize existing social media pages (Facebook/Instagram) to reach larger audiences and add another channel to receive comments and respond to input or questions.

During engagement activities, minutes will be recorded and materials will be tabulated, or photographed. These materials will be continually added to a new Brownfield's Reuse document. This document will be on the City's website with hardcopies at City Hall, local libraries and local community centers such as the Boys and Girls Club and the Incubator. An email will also be created to ensure a continuous loop of communication between the community and the City.

3. TASK DESCRIPTIONS, COST ESTIMATES, AND MEASURING PROGRESS

3.a. Description of Tasks/Activities and Outputs

3a.i. Project Implementation

Task 1 – Cooperative Agreement Oversight and Consultant Selection: Rebecca Wurster Director of Planning and Development, will manage the grant to ensure all tasks are completed in a timely manner and within budget. In order to start work immediately upon execution of the Cooperative Agreement, following award of the grant but prior to the grant period, the City will solicit proposals from qualified environmental consultants via a publicly advertised bid process, consistent with 40 CFR 31.36. There is no cost for this task.

Task 2 – Staff Training/Travel: Although City staff has brownfield experience, they plan to enhance understanding of brownfields via attendance at virtual brownfield events, virtual workshops and other programs such as the bi-annual EPA conference (virtual or in person).

Task 3 – Reuse Planning, Site Prioritization and Community Outreach: The City has discussed its brownfield prioritization process in recent public meetings and via survey in 2020. As Dunkirk plans to continue these brownfield reuses, it will integrate the EPA grant into future public meetings and other outreach activities, including updates to the City's website. An expected output from this brownfield planning grant includes a detailed reuse plan and revised list priority sites, from which the sites for assessment under this EPA grant will be selected. The active New York State planning grant, will bear the costs of the planning and outreach efforts.

Task 4 – Phase I Environmental Site Assessments: Phase I ESAs will be completed in accordance with current ASTM Standards and EPA's All Appropriate Inquiry. Phase I ESAs will be completed at as many brownfield properties as possible during this project, based on the actual costs of the ESAs. The funding requested for this task consists of consultant's fees to conduct the Phase I ESAs (\$3,000/site for up to 19 sites, totaling \$57,000).

Task 5 – Phase II Environmental Site Assessments: Based on previous strategic planning and the Phase I ESAs that will be completed under Task 4, the City will select approximately six sites for further evaluation via the performance of Phase II ESAs. Phase II ESAs scope will vary and

will depend on Phase I ESAs findings for each site, although each is expected to include drilling and/or excavation and the analysis of soil and/or groundwater samples. The funding requested for this task consists of \$240,000 for consultant's fees to conduct the Phase II ESAs (\$40,000/site for up to 6 sites).

3a.ii. Anticipated Project Schedule

The City intends to complete the grant activities within the three-year period, as shown below:

Task
1-Cooperative Agreement Oversight and Consultant Selection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Cooperative agreement oversight completed throughout grant period: (10/21 to 9/24) b. Solicitation of proposals and selection of consultant(s): (6/21 to 9/21)
2-Staff Training will be completed as events occur throughout the grant period: (10/21 to 9/24)
3-Planning, Prioritization, and Outreach <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Brownfield reuse planning efforts conducted now through 6/23 b. Site prioritization to occur 5/21 to 6/23, including selection of sites for Phase I/II ESAs c. Outreach efforts to be conducted every three to six months now to 9/24
4-Phase I ESAs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Submission of Property Approval Forms to EPA: 8 to 10 forms expected in 10/21, then quarterly until 6/3 b. Preparation of Phase I ESAs – Two months each (some will be concurrent): 11/21 to 11/23
5-Phase II ESAs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Submission of requests for EPA approval to conduct Phase II ESAs: 1/22 through 11/23 (immediately after each Phase I ESA completed) b. Completion of Phase II ESAs – Eight months each (some will be concurrent): 1/22 to 9/24

3a.iii Task/Activity Lead

Task
1-Cooperative Agreement Oversight and Consultant Selection–CED Director
2-Staff Training–Director of Development and other City of Dunkirk staff
3-Planning, Prioritization, and Outreach-Lead is ultimately City of Dunkirk CED Director, while the planning activities are being conducted by a team of consultants (urban planners, environmental engineers, landscape architects, and an environmental attorney) that report to Development Director.
4-Phase I ESAs–The environmental consultant/Environmental Professional selected in Task 1.
5-Phase II ESAs–The environmental consultant/Environmental Professional selected in Task 1.

3a.iv. Outputs

Task
1-Cooperative Agreement Oversight and Consultant Selection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Quarterly, semi-annual, and annual reports b. Documented consultant selection process
2-Staff Training-Event agendas, attendees' lists, and written summaries of the seminars.
3-Planning, Prioritization, and Outreach <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Brownfield reuse plan containing market analysis; brownfield site profiles; urban designs; conceptual reuse plans; and short-, mid-, and long-term reuse recommendations. b. Brownfield site inventory with prioritization criteria and ranking results.

c. Agendas, presentations, minutes and sign-in sheets of public meetings, questionnaire results and other recorded public input.
4-Phase I ESAs–Up to 19 Phase I Environmental Site Assessments
5-Phase II ESAs–Up to 6 Phase II Environmental Site Assessments, some of which may include remediation plans and cost estimates.

3.b. Cost Estimates

The City is requesting \$300,000 to be used to complete staff training and Phase I/II ESAs. While EPA grants can also be used for creating inventories and completing strategic planning, the City has already undertaken these activities under the NYS BOA Program and intends to advance these activities under additional state grants. However, funding for ESAs is not available to the City under Steps 1 or 2 of the BOA program, so the EPA grant will complement the planning activities undertaken under the state’s planning program.

Budget Categories	Task 1 Grant Oversight	Task 2 Staff Training	Task 3 Planning/ Outreach	Task 4 Phase I ESAs	Task 5 Phase II ESAs	Total
Travel	\$0	\$3,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,000
Contractual	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$57,000	\$240,000	\$297,000
Total	\$0	\$3,000	\$0	\$57,000	\$240,000	\$300,000

3c. Measuring Environmental Results

The City’s Director of Planning and Economic Development will track the following outputs including the number of Phase I/II ESAs completed, the amount of the budget utilized, project schedule, and number of public meetings held and community members in attendance. These will be recorded in periodic reports submitted to the EPA as well as the following outputs:

- The number and size of greenspaces created on former brownfield sites.
- Green infrastructure in terms of areas created and estimated volume of annual runoff.
- The type and extent of contaminants and the types and volumes of remediated media.
- The acreage of brownfield property that is remediated.
- The amount of private investment funds used to redevelop sites.
- The number of jobs created on remediated brownfield sites.

4. PROGRAMMATIC CAPABILITY AND PAST PERFORMANCE

4.a. Programmatic Capability

4.a.i/4.a.ii. Organizational Structure/Description of Key Staff

The City of Dunkirk’s Planning and Development Department will administer the assessment grant with the assistance from a selected environmental consultant. The Planning and Development Department’s key staff that will be working on this project includes: Wilfred Rosas, Mayor; Rebecca Wurster, Director; EJ Hayes, Deputy Director; and Jill Meaux, Community Development Planner. Director Wurster will act as the project manager and lead for the entire project. She will be in charge of getting contracts in place between the City and EPA, developing an RFP for an environmental consultant, be a part of the committee to select the consultant, give updates to the City’s Council and economic development boards, coordinate work with the consultant, and communicate progress to other city departments and the community. Director Wurster has a Master’s Degree in Urban and Regional Planning and has five years’ experience in municipal government. She has administered many projects that have been successfully completed in the past 4 years with the City of Dunkirk. Deputy Hayes will help select the consultant as well as represent the City at project meetings and community meetings. Deputy Hayes will write press releases and

update the City's website with project information when necessary. He will also be a second contact between the City and the consultant that is hired for the job. He has been with the City for 3.5 years and has assisted the Director in the completion of multiple projects. Jill Meaux will be brought in to support the role of community engagement. Jill will set up the community meetings and agendas and develop the press for these meetings. Mayor Rosas will attend project meetings and community meetings. The Mayor is in his second term and has been very involved in the BOA Phase II Study as well as the partnership between the County and City's brownfield coalition.

4.a.iii. Acquiring Additional Resources

When additional expertise is required during the assessment, the City will use a competitive procurement process, consistent with 40 CFR 31.36, to select a contractor/consultant to assist with environmental assessments or complete other necessary activities.

4.b. Past Performance and Accomplishments

4.b.ii. Has Not Received an EPA Brownfields Grant but has Received Other Federal or Non-Federal Assistance Agreements

The City has not received an EPA Brownfields Grant in the past, but has successfully obtained and managed many state and federal grants similar to size, scope, and relevance of this grant.

(1) Purpose and Accomplishments

- **NYS Department of State Grant** (2014-2018) - \$303,750 for the City's Phase 2 Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA) Nomination Study to establish a BOA boundary, priority Sites and site reuse options. (2020 – 2023) - \$135,000 for the City's Phase 3 Brownfield Opportunity Area Marketing Plan to develop a strategic plan for the waterfront and CBD, as well as market brownfield sites to developers.
- **Appalachian Regional Commission POWER Grant** (2018-2019) - \$60,000 to conduct a NRG feasibility study and redevelopment plan for a long-vacant, brownfield power plant in the City of Dunkirk.
- **HUD CDBG Grant** (2019) - \$474,831.00 in funding for homeownership programs, slum/blight removal, low-income afterschool programs, and infrastructure improvements and repairs.

The projects above reflect the City's commitment and ability to administer and implement projects that are working towards eliminating brownfields and revitalizing Dunkirk's neighborhoods.

(2) Compliance with Grant Requirements

The City of Dunkirk has successfully complied with not only the federal, state and local grants listed above. But has also, complied and implemented 22 additional grant funded projects under the leadership of Mayor Rosas and Director Wurster over the past 4 years. The City has no issue with compiling with the grant requirements established in this assessment grant. The City will develop a work plan, sign off on terms and conditions, complete QAPP and Site Specific QAPP approvals, follow eligibility determinations, develop Health and Safety Plans, produce quarterly reports, and submit financial status reports.

Threshold Criteria

1. Applicant Eligibility: The City of Dunkirk is eligible to apply for this assessment grant as the City is a general purpose unit of local government.

2. Community Involvement: The City of Dunkirk has and will continue to engage the community in the planning, implementation, and other brownfield assessment activities needed to revitalize brownfield sites. The City has recently completed its Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA) Step 2 Nomination Study, which included a community outreach plan that comprised of newspaper, radio, and online updates on the study. It also involved community workshops and meetings to gain input and support for the brownfield inventory reuse and provide an interpreter for its Hispanic population. The City plans to build on the success of the BOA Study by providing its citizens and community organizations ample opportunity to provide continued input throughout the duration of the Community-Wide Assessment Grant. Due to COVID 19, distancing measures will be taken to ensure safety for all residents and participants in the grant process including virtual meetings and distancing. If awarded, the City of Dunkirk will:

- Announce the grant funding in the local newspaper (www.observertoday.com), a notice on the City's website (www.cityofdunkirk.com), and advertised on the local access 12 cable channel and local radio stations. The City of Dunkirk has a large Hispanic population, therefore materials will be circulated in Spanish as well.
- Hold public economic development meetings once a month. The project will be on the agenda at each meeting to be discussed, updated, and to hear from the public and other departments. These meetings will be available via live stream and held virtually if necessary.
- Provide quarterly assessment updates on the City website and a comment box to receive input online
- Utilize existing social media pages (Facebook/Instagram) to reach larger audiences and add another channel to receive comments and respond to input or questions.

During engagement activities, minutes will be recorded and materials will be tabulated, or photographed. These materials will be continually added to a new Brownfield's Reuse document. This document will be on the City's website with hardcopies at City Hall, local libraries and local community centers such as the Boys and Girls Club and the Incubator. An email will also be created to ensure a continuous loop of communication between the community and the City.

3. Expenditure of Assessment Grants: The City of Dunkirk does not have an active EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant.



County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency

October 21, 2020

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EPA Region 2
Pete Lopez
290 Broadway; 18th Floor
New York, NY 10007

Dear Mr. Lopez,

The City of Dunkirk is in the process of applying for the FY21 Brownfields Assessment Grant through the Environmental Protection Agency. To this end, the City of Dunkirk is applying for \$300,000 of federal grant funding to conduct a community wide assessment of brownfields within the City. The project's focus will be on the assessment of sites contaminated by hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants (including hazardous substances co-mingled with petroleum).

The City of Dunkirk unfortunately has many brownfield sites. The City has completed their Phase II Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA) Study and has been designated a BOA Community within New York State's Department Of State. There has been a large focus on 14 brownfield areas that have been determined the best locations for clean-up and redevelopment. The goals of the study included defining what uses are best fit for these sites, attracting the appropriate developers to the area, and developing land use and design standards that will help guide redevelopment. This assessment grant will help further this vision by promoting the environment and health, along with increasing economic development opportunities.

The City was recently awarded grant funding through the NYS DEC to clean-up the old Niagara Motor's site, and was also awarded grant funding through NYS DOS to further develop a marketing plan to complete a Phase III BOA Study to market Dunkirk's brownfield sites for redevelopment.



County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency

Although Dunkirk is moving in the right direction, there is still a great deal of work to be undertaken in regards to getting these brownfield sites development ready. We ask that you please consider the City of Dunkirk's Assessment Grant application in order to further assist them in their commitment to the environment, future economic opportunities, and quality of life in the City of Dunkirk.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Mark Geise'.

Mark Geise
CEO of the County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency



Southern Tier West Regional Planning & Development Board

*H. Kier Dirlam, **Chairman***
*Richard T. Zink, **Executive Director***

October 20, 2020

EPA Region 2
Pete Lopez
290 Broadway; 18th Floor
New York, NY 10007

Dear Mr. Lopez:

On behalf of Southern Tier West Regional Planning and Development Board, I am writing this letter to express our full support of the City of Dunkirk and their EPA Community Wide Assessment Grant Application to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Southern Tier West strongly supports implementation of revitalization strategies within the City of Dunkirk, and we believe that the activities done under the EPA Community Wide Assessment Grant throughout their community will aid in assessment and future reuse of sights that cause blight and aid in creating a healthier community. This project's focus will be on the assessment of sites contaminated by hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants (including hazardous substances co-mingled with petroleum).

Unfortunately, The City of Dunkirk has many brownfield sites. The City has completed their Phase II Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA) Study and has been designated a BOA Community within New York State's Department of State. There has been a large focus on 14 brownfield areas that have been determined the best locations for clean-up and redevelopment. The goals of the study included defining what uses are best fit for the sites, attracting the right developers to the area, and developing land use and design standards that will help guide redevelopment. This assessment grant will help further this vision by promoting the environment and health, along with increased economic development opportunities.

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Although Dunkirk is moving in the right direction, there is still a lot of work to be done in regard to getting these brownfield sites development ready. We ask that you please consider the City of

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Dunkirk's Assessment Grant application in order to further assist them in their commitment to the environment, future economic opportunities, and quality of life in the City of Dunkirk.

Should you have any questions or require additional information you may contact me at 716-945-5301 or rzink@southerntierwest.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard T. Zink".

Richard T. Zink
Executive Director



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Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2
Attn: Pete Lopez
290 Broadway, 18th Floor
New York, NY 10007

Dear Mr. Lopez,

We understand that the city of Dunkirk, New York, is in the process of applying for the FY 21 Brownfields Assessment Grant through the Environmental Protection Agency. The City is applying for \$300,000 of federal grant funds to conduct a community-wide assessment of brownfields within the City. The project's focus will assess sites contaminated by hazardous substances, pollutants, or other contaminants including those hazardous substances co-mingled with petroleum.

As an organization, Revitalize Dunkirk's members are all too aware that our city has many brownfield sites within its boundaries. The city at present has completed a Phase II Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA) study that focused on 14 sites. These have been determined as potential best locations for cleanup and redevelopment. The goals of the study included defining what uses are best fits for the sites, attracting appropriate developers to the area, and developing land use/design standards that would serve to guide successful redevelopment. The new assessment grant will help the city to further this vision by promoting environmentally healthy places along with increasing economic development opportunities.

The city recently was awarded grant funding through the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation to remediate the former Niagara Motors site. It has also been awarded grant funding from the NYS Department of State to further develop a marketing plan to complete a Phase III BOA study for future development marketing of Dunkirk brownfield sites.

Although Dunkirk is moving in a positive direction, much remains to be done regarding making these brownfield sites ready for development. The assistance of the Environmental Protection Agency is key to attaining that goal.

Revitalize Dunkirk is a civic organization that advocates planning ideas for improved urban living to residents and elected officials of the city of Dunkirk in an attempt to preserve the historic heritage, enhance the physical infrastructure, reinvigorate commerce, and boost community pride and vision, with the goal of improving the quality of life for our residents. As such, we whole-heartedly support the city's efforts to clean up these long dormant properties for redevelopment.

Sincerely,

Stephen Rees, Treasurer
For The Board of Directors
Revitalize Dunkirk, Inc.

C: Ms. Rebecca Wurster; Director of Planning and Development

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October 21, 2020

Mr. Peter D. Lopez, Regional Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2
290 Broadway; 18th Floor
New York, NY 10007

Re: Dunkirk FY 21 Brownfields Assessment Grant

Dear Mr. Lopez,

This letter is in strong support of the City of Dunkirk FY21 \$300,000 Brownfields Assessment Grant application through the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The City of Dunkirk is applying for federal grant funds to conduct a community wide assessment of brownfields within the City. The project would locate sites contaminated by hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants, co-mingled with petroleum.

Unfortunately, the City of Dunkirk has numerous brownfield sites. The City has completed their Phase II Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA) Study and has been designated a BOA Community by New York State's Department Of State. Now the focus is on 14 brownfield areas that have been determined the best locations for clean-up and redevelopment. This assessment grant will define what uses are best fit for these sites, and developing land use and design standards that will help guide redevelopment that are consistent with environment, health, and economic development strategies.

I commend the City of Dunkirk for being directly instrumental in making Western New York a better place to live and work. I wish them continued success with this project.

Please accept my best wishes. If I may be of further assistance, do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,
George M. Borrello

George M. Borrello
Senator, 57th District

GMB/lv



October 6, 2020

EPA Region 2
Pete Lopez
290 Broadway; 18th Floor
New York, NY 10007

Dear Mr. Lopez,

The City of Dunkirk is in the process of applying for a \$300,000 FY21 Brownfields Assessment Grant through the Environmental Protection Agency to conduct a community wide assessment of brownfields within the City. The project will focus on the assessment of sites contaminated by hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants (including hazardous substances co-mingled with petroleum.)

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'T. Trantum', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Todd Trantum
President and CEO



October 21, 2020

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Sincerely,

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Manager

Chautauqua County Partnership for Economic Growth

BROOKS-TLC HOSPITAL SYSTEM, INC.



October 6, 2020

Pete Lopez
Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2
290 Broadway; 18th Floor
New York, NY 10007

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Mary E. LaRowe". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

Mary E. LaRowe
President & CEO

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October 9, 2020

EPA Region 2
Pete Lopez
290 Broadway; 18th Floor
New York, NY 10007

RE: City of Dunkirk application to the EPA Brownfield Assessment Grant
Application

Dear Mr. Lopez,

I am pleased to provide this letter of support on behalf of City of Dunkirk in their application to the Brownfield Assessment Grant Application through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

The proposed \$300,000 project seeks to prioritize and assess sites contaminated hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants (including hazardous substances co-mingled with petroleum).

The City of Dunkirk has many brownfield sites, and recently completed their Phase II Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA) Study. There has been a large focus on 14 brownfield areas that have been determined the best locations for clean-up and redevelopment. The goals of the study included defining what uses are best fit for the sites, attracting the right developers to the area, and developing land use and design standards that will help guide redevelopment. This assessment grant will help further this vision by promoting the environment and health, along with increased economic development opportunities.

I urge the EPA to give full and fair consideration to this grant application as a matter of community health and safety. Please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions.

Sincerely,



Tom Reed
Member of Congress

TR: tw

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Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

* 1. Type of Submission:

- ☐ Preapplication
☒ Application
☐ Changed/Corrected Application

* 2. Type of Application:

- ☒ New
☐ Continuation
☐ Revision

* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s):

* Other (Specify):

* 3. Date Received:

10/26/2020

4. Applicant Identifier:

City of Dunkirk

5a. Federal Entity Identifier:

5b. Federal Award Identifier:

State Use Only:

6. Date Received by State:

7. State Application Identifier:

8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

* a. Legal Name:

City of Dunkirk

* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN):

* c. Organizational DUNS:

0941763100000

d. Address:

* Street1:

342 Central Ave.

Street2:

* City:

Dunkirk

County/Parish:

Chautauqua

* State:

NY: New York

Province:

* Country:

USA: UNITED STATES

* Zip / Postal Code:

140482122

e. Organizational Unit:

Department Name:

Planning and Development

Division Name:

f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:

Prefix:

Ms.

* First Name:

Rebecca

Middle Name:

M

* Last Name:

Wurster

Suffix:

Title:

Planning and Development Director

Organizational Affiliation:

City of Dunkirk

* Telephone Number:

7163669879

Fax Number:

* Email:

rwurster@cityofdunkirk.com

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

* 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:

C: City or Township Government

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

* Other (specify):

* 10. Name of Federal Agency:

Environmental Protection Agency

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

66.818

CFDA Title:

Brownfields Assessment and Cleanup Cooperative Agreements

* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:

EPA-OLEM-OBLR-20-06

* Title:

FY21 GUIDELINES FOR BROWNFIELD ASSESSMENT GRANTS

13. Competition Identification Number:

Title:

14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):

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* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:

City of Dunkirk Brownfield Community-Wide Assessment Project

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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Application for Federal Assistance SF-424**16. Congressional Districts Of:*** a. Applicant * b. Program/Project

Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.

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17. Proposed Project:* a. Start Date: * b. End Date: **18. Estimated Funding (\$):**

* a. Federal	<input type="text" value="300,000.00"/>
* b. Applicant	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* c. State	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* d. Local	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* e. Other	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* f. Program Income	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* g. TOTAL	<input type="text" value="300,000.00"/>

*** 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?**

- ☐ a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on .
- ☐ b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.
- ☒ c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.

*** 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)**☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

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21. *By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 218, Section 1001)**

☒ ** I AGREE

** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.

Authorized Representative:

Prefix: * First Name:

Middle Name:

* Last Name:

Suffix:

* Title: * Telephone Number: Fax Number: * Email: * Signature of Authorized Representative: * Date Signed: